to public and private undertakings as on the 31st December, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) There are 2,724 rooms in the hotels under the India Tourism Development Corporation! in the Union Territory of Delhi.

(b) As on 31st December, 1985, 469 Rooms in these hotels were rented out to public and private undertakings.

Export of cotton

♦131. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to step up the export of cotton during this season despite opposition from the textile industry; if so, what are the 'reasons therefor and what is the volume of exports proposed; and

(b)' what is Government's estimate of cotton production and consumption by the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Decisions with regard to export of cotton are taken by the Government after taking into account the demand and supply of position of cotton in the country and the prevailing market trend of its prices. After reviewing the demand and supply position etc. in the country the Government of India have released for export a quantity of 10 lakh bales of long and extra long staple cotton, 52000 bales of Bengal Deshi and 25000 bales of yellow pickings during the current cotton season.

(b) As per the estimates available the total availability of cotton during the current cotton season (Sept. 85— August 86) is estimated at about 118.40 lakh bales. This includes a carry over stock of 24.40 lakh bales from the previous cotton season. As against this, the total consumption of cotton during the current cotton season is estimated at about 91.65 lakh bales.

Mica exports

*132. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the quantity of mica exported since the formation of Mica Trading Corporation and what was the quantity of exports of Number Six Variety and waste mica during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): Exports of processed Mica and from India after formation of Mica Trading Corporation of India (MITCO) in. June, 1974 have been as follows:—

Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (in Rs. Crores)
1974-75	34,190	18·62
1975-76	16,120	14·72
1976-77	14,430	17·67
1977-78	14,910	18·75
1978-79	14,670	19·23
1979-80	18,850	22·81
1980-81	16,270	21·15
1981-82	14,760	28·13
1982-83	11,750	21·58
1983-84	10,800	24·22
1984-85	17,980	25·62

Above exports performance includes exports of No. 6 variety Mica and Waste Mica. The export performance of these varieties during the above period was as follows;

Year	Export of No. 5½ and below including No. 6 but excluding waste (Qty : in tons) (Value: in Rs. Crores)		Export of waste	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1974-75	N.A.	N.A.	27,010	2·17
1975-76	2680	1·58	12,040	1·49
1976-77	3540	2·58	9,620	1·33
1977-78	3720	2·79	9,780	1·36
1978-79	3780	2·70	9,210	1·28
1979-80	5250	3·58	12,200	1·84
1980-81	3530	2·83	11,250	2·17
1981-82	3760	3.25	9,430	2·06
1982-83	1970	1·89	8,640	2·12
1983-84	1950	2·24	7,820	1·89
1984-85	3030	2·75	13,840	3·53

NOTE : NA—Not available*

Figures for export of No. 6 variety of Mica alone are not maintained separately.

Closure of Maharana Textile Mills, Porbander, Gujarat

♦133. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharana Textile Mills of Porbander in Gujarat is lying closed for the last three years;

(b» if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what concrete steps have been taken to reopen the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINTSTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The mill is closed due to financial difficulties.

(c) Under the new Textile Policy where a unit has no expectation of becoming viable in a reasonable period of time there may be no alternative but to allow the unit to close down. The potential viability of this Mill has not been established.

Upgradation of cities

*134. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received from various State Governments for the upgradation of cities;